

PROSPECT VILLAGE.

Where the Beautiful Green Stone is Found.

We make the following extracts from a letter handed us by the secretary of the Virginia Green Building Stone Company. The correspondent is writing of Prospect, the town adjacent to which the beautiful green stone of the company is embedded. After speaking of the fertility of the lands and the surrounding country, he says:

The central location of Prospect is also worthy of consideration. It is 90 miles from Roanoke, 80 each from Richmond and Petersburg, 43 from Lynchburg and 116 from Norfolk. Burkville is 28 miles distant, and Farmville, the county seat of Prince Edward, is but 12 miles away. Hampton-Sydney college is distant only five miles in an air-line, and its glistening roof is plainly visible. Institutions of learning of a high order have always flourished in the south side and the people are, as a class, remarkably polished and cultivated, forming a society into which any one might be pleased and proud to enter, and the names of Randolph and hosts of others of its distinguished sons are familiar everywhere.

Two Presbyterian and two Episcopal churches are situated within a short distance of the place, and we think we have written enough to convince all, if such conviction were needed, that in mental and moral social and religious as well as material advantages the point which we have feebly essayed to describe is worthy the attention of all in search of health and wealth, a delightful location and good society.

MINERAL TREASURES.

Such are some of the treasures of the upper soil, an account of which might be compiled into pages were it necessary or had we the space, but Prospect would not be entitled to a place in Virginia were it not underlaid by mineral wealth scarcely if at all less valuable.

There is iron close by. Immediately to the north, opening just beneath the surface, discovers a great abundance of fine red hematite iron; it shows upon the hillsides miles away running into the mountains, and there is little doubt that anything like a systematic exploration would develop this metal in very considerable quantities.

The entire soil is permeated with mica; it glitters on the surface and forms part of every rock. It is found in small sheets large enough for many purposes, and is almost certain that it exists in large bodies in the immediate vicinity. Asbestos, too, is worked profitably at no great distance from the village, and fine bituminous coal has been discovered only a mile or two to the northward. Brick clay of the finest kind is abundant, and soapstone quarries are found in the neighborhood.

BUILDING STONE.

Three beautiful varieties, however, of granite stone which exists here in immense quantities open up a great and profitable field for investment. There is a fine gray stone which looks as though it were studded with garnets, a dark rock sparkling with mica, and a beautiful green stone also set with mica, whose silvery sparkle adds wonderfully to its beauty.

All of these exist in inexhaustible quantities in close proximity to the depot, but it is of the last named—the ripidolite we propose to speak. Not more than a quarter of a mile from the railroad, or three-quarters of a mile from the depot, it outcrops on the surface and fills the hills.

Layer on layer of dark green stone, sufficient to build all the cities of the great Southwest, fill the earth and crop out everywhere, easily quarried, easily shipped, comparatively soft when dug and readily cut to any shape desired, it hardens on exposure to the air, resisting a pressure heavier than will be borne by granite, and withstanding exposure to the elements indefinitely.

As an evidence of its atmospheric endurance, we may remark that in the pretty village grave-yard much of this stone is used, and at the head of one grave we note this inscription: "A. D. Walker, died February 17, 1827." For sixty-three years this simple stone has marked this grave, yet it shows no traces of disintegration, and the inscription is as clear and distinct as on the day when it was cut.

It is susceptible of a beautiful polish, and is one of the most desirable ornamental building stones imaginable, used either as an entirety or for trimming purposes.

This rich, sparkling, seemingly diamond-studded stone combines therefore every desired requisite for popularity in its beauty, durability and cheapness. There is little doubt that the enterprise and liberality manifested by the Norfolk and Western in aiding the development of every deserving industry will assure the building of a side track over a very easy grade to the quarries, which will enable this valuable stone to be put upon the market even cheaper than many other varieties for its superior beauty, strength and durability, the cost of the transportation being estimated at only seven cents per hundred pounds.

What beautiful residence structures, what commercial palaces, can be erected from this stone by wealthy citizens, the enterprising merchants of Roanoke and other Virginia cities!

It is more valuable, more lasting, more beautiful than marble, and can hardly fail to become the universal favorite as a building stone and to return a rich harvest to its discoverers and promoters, it being the only stone of the kind in the South.

Such an opportunity for investment could scarce escape the prophetic eye of Roanoke capitalists, and accordingly a number of gentlemen of Roanoke have taken hold of it and purchased 290 acres of land underlaid by the ripidolite, and propose, in addition to developing the quarries, to build up the town for which the place is so admirably adapted.

Ladies Have Tried It.

A number of lady customers have tried "Mother's Friend," and would not be without for any times its cost. They recommended it to all who are to become mothers. R. A. Payne, Druggist, Greenville, S. C. Write Bradford Reg. Co., Atlanta, Ga., for particulars. Sold by B. B. Christian and Barbee.

The Mabel Works Band will be on the ground every day during the Melrose Park meeting.

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10:05 a. m. Daily; arrive Bristol 4:00 p. m. Stops at all stations, connecting at Radford with trains on New River Branch; arriving at Pocahontas at 3:35 p. m.

5:45 p. m. Daily, arrives Radford 7:20 p. m., connecting with New River Branch at 7:35 p. m., for Bluefield and Pocahontas; arrives Pocahontas 10:55 p. m. Arrives Bristol 11:20 p. m., connecting with E. T. V. & G. R. R. for all points south and west. Has Pullman Palace Sleeper, Roanoke to Memphis, without change.

7:55 a. m. Daily, arrive Radford 9:15 a. m., connecting with New River Branch, leaving Radford 12:10 p. m. Arrives Bristol 12:40 p. m., connects with E. T. V. & G. R. R. for all points south and west; has Pullman Palace Sleeper from Roanoke to New Orleans without change.

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LEAVE ROANOKE.

5:25 a. m. Daily; for Lynchburg, Petersburg, Richmond, (via Petersburg and R. & P. R. R.) Norfolk and intermediate points; connects at Lynchburg with V. M. R. R. for Washington and the East, leaving Lynchburg 7:40 a. m. daily. Arrives Norfolk 2:00 p. m., connecting with steamer lines to Baltimore and New York.

10:10 a. m. Daily; arrives Lynchburg 11:50 a. m., connecting with V. M. R. R. for all points north, arriving Washington 7:05 p. m.; arrives Petersburg 4:20 p. m.; arrives Richmond, via R. & P. R. R., 5:05 p. m.; arrives Norfolk 7:00 p. m.

3:45 p. m. Daily; for Lynchburg and intermediate stations; arrives Lynchburg 5:40 p. m.

7:20 p. m. Daily; for Lynchburg and intermediate stations; arrives Lynchburg 9:20 p. m.

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THE PLAN OF THE COMPANY.

This Company is chartered under the laws of Virginia, and its object is to invest combined capital in Southwest Virginia, in the Shenandoah Valley, and other rapidly-developing sections of the State, embracing the growing towns of Roanoke, Radford, Salem, Danville, Lynchburg, Buchanan, Bedford City, Buena Vista, Glasgow, Waynesboro, Basic City, AND SUCH DISTRICTS AS AFFORD OPPORTUNITIES FOR SAFE INVESTMENTS AND QUICK RETURNS in town property, mineral lands, stocks, bonds, and other securities.

THE INVESTMENTS

are to be judiciously made by a Committee of the officers selected for that purpose, thus securing to each stockholder the benefits of their combined judgment and discretion.

THE STOCK

is divided into shares of the par value of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS EACH, BUT ASSESSABLE ONLY TO THE AMOUNT OF \$52.00 ON EACH SHARE, payable as follows:—\$12.00 when stock is subscribed for, and \$10.00 each month thereafter until the whole \$52.00 is paid in. No more assessments will be called for. It is confidently believed that the stock will, by judicious investments, readily be worth \$100.00 per share inside of twelve months, and then rapidly rise to a handsome and ever-increasing premium. Of the \$52.00 paid in, \$2.00 will be applied to expenses of obtaining the charter, placing the stock and other preliminary expenses. So soon as \$100,000.00 is subscribed for, investments will be commenced and continued as further investments are paid in, thus keeping no idle funds, but putting every dollar into active investment and earning.

NOTE.

This company is formed to meet a growing necessity. The phenomenal development in Virginia presents unrivaled opportunities for safe investment and large and quick returns. Capital can nowhere earn surer or more speedy profits than here, whether in town property, mineral lands, stocks or securities. Large fortunes have been legitimately and quickly acquired by investments, both by individual effort and especially by combined capital. To those who have the time and means to come and see and invest for themselves, no field offers richer returns. But the visitor is embarrassed by the very multitude of opportunities offered him on every side in the many localities, and can, with difficulty, determine where it is best for him to place his money.

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